

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendment

Claims 71-74, 76, and 83-85 are amended to recite that the nucleic acid is "an isolated or recombinant" nucleic acid sequence. The amendment is made to improve the clarity of the claims. Support is replete in the specification including, e.g., Paragraphs [0084], [0471], [0479], [0065], and [0169], referring to the numbering of the published application (Pat. Pub. No. 2003/0096344). No new matter is added.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy of the Examiner in discussing this amendment in telephone calls with the undersigned on March 30, 2009 and April 7, 2009.

Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants appreciate the courtesy of the Examiner in a telephone call with the undersigned on April 7, 2009. The Examiner indicated that the initialed Forms SB08/09 submitted with Information Disclosure Statements filed September 21, 2006, and November 10, 2005, would be sent to the Applicants, along with a supplemental Notice of Allowance, following entry of this amendment.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-462-5330.

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